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July 29, 2005

The Honorable Tom Horne Superintendent of Public Instruction Arizona Department of Education Executive Officer Arizona State Board of Education 1535 West Jefferson Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

Subject: St. Johns Unified School District No. 1

Dear Mr. Horne:

We issued a compliance review report on September 20, 2004, informing St. Johns Unified School District No. 1 that it had not complied with the *Uniform System of Financial Records* (USFR). Recommendations to correct the deficiencies were described in our report. The District was given 90 days to implement the recommendations in our report.

We subsequently performed a status review of the District's internal controls as of January 26, 2005. The purpose of our status review was to determine whether the District was in substantial compliance with the USFR as of the date of our review. Our review consisted primarily of inquiries and selective testing of accounting records and control procedures. The review was more limited in scope than would be necessary to express an opinion on the District's internal controls. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on its internal controls or ensure that all deficiencies were disclosed.

In addition, subsequent to our status review, we received and reviewed the District's audit reports and USFR Compliance Questionnaire for the year ended June 30, 2004.

Based on the number and nature of the deficiencies noted in our status review and our review of the 2004 audit reports and compliance questionnaire, we determined that St. Johns Unified School District No. 1 still has not complied with the USFR. Therefore, we request that the Arizona State Board of Education take appropriate action as prescribed by Arizona Revised Statutes §15-272. The District's deficiencies and our recommendations are described in the enclosed status review report issued July 22, 2005, notifying the District of its continued noncompliance.

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If you have questions concerning this matter, please call Magdalene Haggerty, Accounting Services Director, or me at (602) 553-0333.

Sincerely,

Debra K. Davenport Auditor General

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cc/enc: Governing Board

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St. Johns Unified School District No. 1

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